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Colby Backs Schorr on CIA Report

NEW ORLEANS, March 29 (AP) — Former CIA Director William Colby says television newsman Daniel Schorr should not be punished for arranging publication of a secret congressional report.

Colby said during a panel discussion at Tulane University Sunday night that Schorr "carried out his obligation to the First Amendment and to himself as a newsman and should not be punished" for turning over a House intelligence committee report to The Village Voice, a New York weekly newspaper.

Schorr, who has been suspended by CBS, had been scheduled to appear on the panel with Colby , but was kept away by a death in his family.

While he defended Schorr's decision to turn over the report to The Vilage Voice, Colby said the action also "convinced the world that Americans cannot keep a secret."